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THE *Venetian* Ambaſſador was twice in Conference this week with Cardinal *Paolucci* Secretary of State, and had yeſterday a long Audience of the Pope. Cardinal *Janſſen* had Audience likewiſe of the Pope, and acquainted him. That unleſs he put a ſtrong Garriſon into *Ferrara*, to ſecure that Place againſt the Imperialiſts, the *French* will be obliged to do it. The Congregation appointed to examine the Pretenſions of the Emperor and the King of *Spain* to the Inveſtiture of *Naples* and *Sicily*, have met ſeveral times, and 'tis believed they will ſhortly make their Report. The Pope made a Viſit this week to the Queen-Dowager of *Poland*.

Genoua, May 7. A *French* Ship arrived here 3 days ago with Soldiers from *Thoulon*, who are come aſhore, and marched towards *Milan*; The Maſter reports, that more Forces are coming from *Thoulon*, and that 24 Men of War are fitting out in that Port, and 12 Galleys at *Marſeilles*.

Venice, May 13. The Cardinal *d'Eſtrees* left this Place the 7th Inſtant, in order to go to *Parma*, *Modena*, and *Florence*, and from thence will return hither. The Count *de Caſtelbarco*, Envoy from the Emperor to the Duke of *Mantua*, arrived here the ſame day from *Mantua*, having left that Place without taking Leave of the Duke, with whoſe Proceedings in receiving a *French* Garriſon into *Mantua*, the Emperor is extremely diſſatisfied. The Senate are conſidering how to raiſe Money to ſupport their extraordinary Expences in this Conjuncture. We have Advice, that part of the *French* Forces have marched through the Territories of this State, and encamped at *Rivelli*, having the Lake *de Gardo* behind them, where the Marſhal *de Catinat* deſigns to expect the Imperialiſts, and has ſecured the Paſſes with Retrenchments and Batteries; and that the reſt of the *French* and *Spaniſh* Forces are marching to the ſaid Camp, as are likewiſe thoſe of the Duke of *Savoy*. 'Tis ſaid, the *French* and *Spaniſh* Soldiers do not agree very well together. Proveditore-General *Molino*, who has the Chief Command of the *Venetian* Forces in *Italy*, is forming a Flying Camp near *Verona*.

Madrid, May 5. On the 27th paſt, the King of *Spain* was entertained with a Bull-Feaſt at the *Buen Retiro*. The 3d Inſtant, the Alliance with the Duke of *Savoy* was declared in the Council of State, by which 'tis agreed, that the King of *Spain* ſhall Marry the Princeſs *Mary Louiſa*, Daughter of his Royal Highneſs, who is now in the 13th year of her Age, and that the Duke ſhall be Generaliſſimo of the *French* and *Spaniſh* Forces in *Italy*, to which he is to join 8000 Foot, and 2500 Horſe, of his own Troops. On *Sunday* the 8th Inſtant, the King will take the uſual Oath in the Church of the Monaſtery of St. *Jerom*, for maintaining the Rights and Privileges of this Kingdom, and afterwards will receive the Oaths of Allegiance of the Grandees, the Nobility, and the Deputies of the ſeveral Cities, who have a Right to Vote in the Cortes or General Aſſembly of the States. The Marquis of *Leganez* is gone from hence to his Command on the Coaſts of *Andaluſia*. The Duke *d'Harcourt*, Ambaſſador from *France*, continues extream ill. The Duke *de Beauvillers* is made a Grandee of the Firſt Rank, and 'tis ſaid the King will make him one of his Councellors of State.

Vienna, May 11. Mr. *Stepney*, Envoy Extraordinary from His Majeſty of *Great Britain*, arrived here the firſt Inſtant, and on the 5th had Audience of the Emperor; The 6th, the Imperial Court removed to *Laxembourg*, and on the 9th he had Audience of the Empreſs; The Emperor held that day a Council at *Laxembourg*, at which Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* was preſent, and 'twas reſolved to purſue the War in *Italy* with the utmoſt vigour. The Imperial Army in thoſe Parts will conſiſt of 32000 Men of the Emperor's beſt Troops, *viz.* the Regiments of *Corbelli*, *Commerci*, *Lorrain*, *Vaudemont*, *Newburgh*, *Darmſtad*, *Palfi*, *Taff*, and *Viſconti*, of Horſe; *Savoy*, *Serini*, and *Dietrichſtein*, of Dragoons, all of 1000 Men each; And *Old Staremberg*, *Mansfeld*, *Guido Staremberg*, *Nigrelli*, *Herberſtein*, *Bagni*, *Guttenſtein*, and *Young Thaun*, of Foot, each of 2500 Men. The General Officers are, Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* Generaliſſimo, the Prince *de Commerci* Field-Marſhal General, Prince *Charles* of *Vaudemont* General of the Horſe, Count *Guido* of *Staremberg* General of the Foot, Count *Palfi* and Count *Hermenſtein* Lieutenant-Generals, and the Counts *Serini*, *Dietrichſtein*, *Bagni*, and *Solari*, Major-Generals. The Prince of *Vaudemont* ſet out from hence for *Italy* the 9th Inſtant, and the Prince *de Commerci* the next day, and Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy* will be diſpatched in the beginning of the next week. The Count *de Soiſſons*, Brother to Prince *Eugene*, is declared General of the Artillery; but 'tis yet uncertain whether he will ſerve in *Italy* or in the Empire. The Advices from *Italy* ſay, the *French*, who have a Jealouſie of the *Venetians* being enclined to the Emperor's Intereſt, attempted to ſurprize *Verona*; but the *Venetian* Garriſon were ſo well on their Guard, that they failed in their deſign. A Courier was diſpatched from the Imperial Court the 9th Inſtant to *Livonia*, with a Letter from the Emperor to the King of *Sweden*, wherein he preſſes him very earneſtly to accommodate Matters with the King of *Poland*, and offers his Mediation for that purpoſe; and his Imperial Majeſty has writ to the King of *Poland* to the ſame effect. The 4th Inſtant, Monſieur *Jeſſen*, the King of *Denmark's* Miniſter here, received of the Emperor the Inveſtiture of the Fiefs of the Empire, which the King his Maſter is poſſeſſed of as Duke of *Holſtein*. The Regiment of Dragoons of *Corcelli* is marched to *Laxembourg*, to reinforce the Emperor's Guards, and will continue there during the ſtay of the Im-